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SUBJ: IRISH RESTRICTIONS ON AUTOMOTIVE IMPORTS

REF: STATE 19675; DUBLIN 142

1. EMBASSY WILL REOPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI ON IRISH MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRAINTS ALONG LINE SUGGESTED REFTEL IF SO DIRECTED. HOWEVER WE WONDER WHETHER THIS IS THE RIGHT MOMENT TO DO SO.

2. AS REPORTED DUBLIN 142 IRISH RESPONDED TO AMBASSADOR MALMGREN'S VERY EFFECTIVE ART XXIV:6 PRESENTATION STATING THAT THEY HAD NO DIFFICULTY WITH IMPROVEMENTS SOUGHT AND INDICATING THEY WOULD SUPPORT REOPENING OF EC DECEMBER 13 OFFER IF OTHER EC MEMBERS TOOK INITIATIVE. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, RENEWAL OF US PRESSURE RE MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRAINTS, WHICH ARE OF VITAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONCERN TO IRELAND, COULD ADVERSELY INFLUENCE IRISH POSITION ON ART XXIV:6 WHICH IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO US.

3. FURTHERMORE, GIVEN CURRENT GASOLINE SHORTAGE, SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT US-ASSEMBLED VEHICLES, ESPECIALLY LUXURY MODELS WHICH IMPORTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YATES WISHES SELL IN IRELAND, WILL HAVE MUCH SALES POTENTIAL ON

IRISH MARKET. YATES STILL SAYS HE IS INTERESTED IN GETTING LICENSE TO IMPORT, BUT WE WONDER IF HE IS BEING REALISTIC IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS WE DELAY FURTHER APPROACHES ON THIS QUESTION UNTIL ART XXIV:6 QUESTION SHAKES OUT. PLEASE ADVISE. MOORE

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